

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/036,338
Amendment dated November 12, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

In this amendment, claim 46 has been canceled. Accordingly, by way of this amendment, claims 41, 43-45, 47-58, and 60-62 are pending and have been indicated as allowed in the final Office Action. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested since this amendment will place the application in condition for allowance. Certainly, no new questions of patentability are raised by this amendment and no need for additional searching is necessitated by this amendment. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fu (U.S. Patent No. 6,042,706) in view of Inoue (U.S. Patent No. 5,244,556). For the following reasons, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As indicated above, claim 46 has now been canceled and, accordingly, this rejection is moot.

The Examiner, at page 5 of the Office Action, indicates that the remaining pending claims are allowed. Accordingly, in view of this amendment, all pending claims are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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